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# FOCUS 2015

## Focusing on

- God's Word
- God's Son
- God's Vision
- God's Mission

# New Summer Quarter Classes Begin Today!

Please see the posters in the foyer and Family Life Center for adult classes offerings and locations.

# Give the Gift of Life!

Pitman Road Church of Christ



# American Blood Drive

**NEXT** Friday, June 12th, 2:30 - 7:00 PM

Our blood drive is quickly approaching! Three ways you can schedule an appointment:

- •Sign up at the Information Center.
- •Call for an appointment at 1-800-RED CROSS.
- Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Pitman Road.

Blood is especially in need this time of year. Please schedule your donation today!

## Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus

Our next Family Promise Host Week is July 5th - 12th.



Volunteers are needed! Please sign up at the Family Promise table in the foyer. All slots need to be filled.

If you have questions, please contact John Ashton.

# Jesus is the Good Shepherd







Both children and adults alike enjoyed the visit from two little lambs last Sunday, and also benefited from the living illustration Dan shared to teach us about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. If you missed it, you can enjoy more photos on our Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist">www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist</a> and see Dan's lesson, as well as Carlos' sermon, on our YouTube channel at <a href="https://youtu.be/xXPFlvf209M">https://youtu.be/xXPFlvf209M</a>.

# From Daniel's Den

#### 7 Things You Absolutely Need to Pack for College

This article is intended for all of our graduating seniors who are just about to enter their freshman year of college, and other young adults who are moving out of their family home!

A Facebook friend just finished her freshman year at Pepperdine University, so she is now older and wiser! Her little brother enters college next and she sent him the following suggestions. **7 Things You Need:** 

- 1. A Refrigerator because you will not want to eat cafeteria food every day...
- 2. Washer and Dryer because no one likes smelly guys on campus...
- 3. Grandfather's Clock because you never want to be late...
- 4. Spare Truck Tires because times will come when you do want to get off campus...
- **5. Classical Harp** because the music on campus sometimes needs to be improved...
- 6. Massive Limestone Slab (8' x 8' x 4') because you just never know...
- **7. Your Parents** because they help you clean, cook, stay focused and avoid negative influences...

All joking aside, what do you need to take with you when you leave home? Be absolutely certain to take one thing: **The Good Shepherd!** 

- 1. The Good Shepherd will feed you, and provide only good drink for you.
- 2. He will groom you.
- 3. He will lead you.
- 4. When you wander, He will seek you till He finds you.
- **5. And finally, He will protect you.** (Psalm 23 is not just for old people and funerals!)

Don't leave home without the Good Shepherd. -Dan the Preacherman (Since last Sunday, I've been thinking a lot about sheep.)



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Carlos Isaziga

# Carlos' Corner

## **Pouring into the Church**

All of us at one point in time have poured ourselves into something: a worthwhile cause, a new project, or the career we have dreamed of. I have been reminded this week that life is not about pursuing happiness, but finding meaning. Usually happiness is achieved when we pour into ourselves, but in contrast, meaning is achieved when we pour into others.

Are you interested in finding meaning in life? Start by making a decision to pour into others. If you are interested in pouring into others, look no further. Jesus at one point made a decision to pour into the lives of some very important people, little children (Luke 18:15-17). To Jesus, the kingdom belonged to these precious little ones, and hindering them to come to Him was not an option.

So. What does that have to do with us? We don't want to hinder anyone from coming to meet Jesus. Definitely not children. What does that have to do with you? We need your help. If you love children & want to pour into the kingdom we are asking that you pray and make a decision to partner with Pitman Road's Children's Ministry. Over the course of the summer you will begin to hear about and see opportunities for you to serve our children. For now, pray.





This July 4th we have two opportunities to bless our community! Some of the details are being worked out; in the meantime we would like you to mark your calendars and let you know how you can participate.

Our first opportunity will be a first time event for our congregation: we are going to participate in Pitman's July 4th Parade! Yes, we plan to have a group march in the parade! Once we have firm plans in place, we will provide a way for you to sign up to be part of the group that marches in the parade.

The second opportunity will occur later that day when we once again open our parking lot and property for the community to view the fireworks at Alcyon Lake. As we did last year, we will provide hot dogs and bottled water to our guests and have our restrooms open for their use. We will need volunteers to cook, distribute hot dogs and water, collect trash, and help directing traffic into and round our parking lot as well as foot traffic into our building. We will provide a sign up sheet for those volunteer positons very soon.

We hope that many of our members will participate in this opportunity to get out from behind our walls to meet and serve our surrounding community!

# What's Up with VBS?

Our church is not hosting a VBS for the second time in the last 28 years. While that may come as a shock to you, it really is okay. And here is why: We have five big full weeks already planned for this summer!

June 26-July 5: France Mission Trip / 30 participants
July 5-12: Family Promise Week / We host overnight
guests and provide meals for the full week. (We need
49 volunteers here)

July 10-17: Our TIME Team trip to MN.

July 25-Aug.1: Jr. High 1 session of Camp Manatawny directed by Aaron Pearl and involving about 50 of our people.

**Aug. 8-15: Elementary 1 session of Camp Manatawny** directed by Manny Vander Vennen and involving about 30 of our people.

**For VBS, you have excellent options.** In addition to local churches in our area that will be hosting VBS programs, we have three Churches of Christ in South Jersey that would love to have us support them and their VBS:

**July 12-15: Collingswood** hosts their evening VBS and we are invited.

July 13-17: Tabernacle is hosting a daytime VBS!

**July 20-22: Cape May Court House** hosts their evening VBS.

Since Collingswood is closest to us, and since it comes first, let's kick off the summer with supporting their VBS. More information and possible car/van pooling opportunities will be forthcoming. *-Dan* 

# A Happy Ending!

Dan's weekly bulletin article on May 17th was about his part in making a connection between US serviceman serving on the Red Sea who wanted to help a church, a church in the U.S. looking to donate song books, a church in Trinidad that needed song books, and a person who happened to be going to Trinidad. All those connections worked and now those song books are being used to praise God in Trinidad!

We received a lovely card and a thank you note from that church:

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the matchless names of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We at the Sangre Grande Church of Christ are exceedingly grateful to you for your assistance in shipping to us song books which we so desper-

ately needed. Heart felt thanks to you for the passion and love which you eagerly displayed in order that we could have these books. May God bless you and may your continued efforts of love be pleasing and glorifying to our Father in heaven.

The Church of Christ in Sangre Grande was established in the early 1970's. We are a small congregation. We worship at the Lily of the Valley Society Building, but due to its state of dilapidation, we are seeking to erect a building on land we have acquired in Guaico, Sangre Grande. It's not begun yet, but we plan to do so in the not so distant future. Please remember us in your prayers.

In Christian love, Sangre Grande Church of Christ.





# Please help us celebrate the graduation of Logan Tyler Davis!

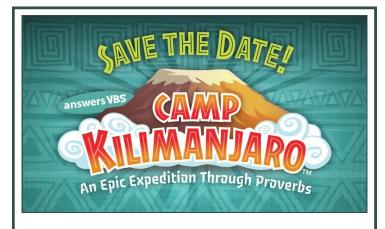
Saturday, June 13th, 12:00 - 4:00 PM 415 Grape Street, Hammonton, NY 08037

Please RSVP to Melody at 609-335-6572

GRADUATION
YOU'RE INVITED
CELEBRATION







# July 12th-15th 7:00-9:00 PM Each Evening

For KIDS, For ADULTS, For FAMILIES

- Full Children's Program & Adult Program
- FUN, Games, Songs, Crafts, Activities, Snacks
- BRING Your Friends!

At Collingswood Church of Christ 300 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 856-456-6222 www.ccc123.org

# Honoring Our Graduates



Is your child (or you or your spouse) graduating from high school, college, earning a postgraduate degree or professional certification this spring? This is the time

of year we honor those graduates! Between now and the end of July, please send an electronic copy of photo of your graduate (whether it be a graduation photo, one at the graduation ceremony, or just a recent photo you like!), and also provide some information: where they are graduating from, any honors they received senior year or at graduation, their degree (if applicable), and what their upcoming plans are. Email the photo and information to Annette at:

annette.perine@gmail.com .

# Christian Education Opportunity

Would you like for your children to attend Cumberland Christian School?

I have been given an opportunity to nominate children from our church that are not already attending Cumberland Christian. Each new student would receive a \$500 scholarship per semester for the first year (\$1,000 scholarship for the school year). If you are interested, please contact me and I will share more information with you.

-Dan

# Area Wide Events

Spring Gospel Meeting June 7-12, 2015

N. Clinton Ave. Church of Christ
411 North Clinton Ave. • Trenton, NJ 08610
Guest Speaker: Bro. Edward Maxwell
of the Suitland Church of Christ

People Reaching People: Remembering Jesus Christ...

Sunday: 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM Weekdays: 7:30 PM

New Egypt Church of Christ invites you to their Area Sing on Sunday, June 14th at 5:30 PM

97 Lakewood Road, New Egypt , NJ 08533 609-758-2521

Folsom Church of Christ presents
Women Encouraging Women 2015
Isaiah 58:11 The LORD will guide you always...

June 8th - Ann Samples Demchik
June 15th - Gloria Edwards
7:00-8:00 PM with refreshments to follow.
June 22nd - Potluck Dinner at 6PM,
7PM - Laura and Rose Barnett
For more information Contac Michelle Komisor
mkomisor@gmail.com

# This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>**Praises**</u>: God sent us much needed rain without dangerous conditions and flooding.

#### **Prayers Requested:**

**Joann Darrah** asks for prayers for a speedy recovery. At this point she is improving, but slowly.

**Steve Musso** is continuing his recovery at home. Prayers for Steve and Dreama are appreciated. Calls and visits would be appreciated as well.

Amanda Burt, (co-worker of Stephanie DeStefano) her husband, and 14 year old daughter lost everything they own due to a fire. If you have anything at all you could donate please contact Stephanie at 609-560-5690 and leave a message.

**Beth Loeffler** fell and suffered shattered bones in her arm. She is waiting to find out if she will need surgery.

**Annemarie Cristino** fell and suffered a severe ankle sprain. **Cathy Kistler** had heart valve replacement surgery.

**Ray Wilson** continues to improve from the affects of a stroke.

**Sue Ward,** continuing her recovery at home. Prayers that all continues to go well and there are no complications.

**Audrey Wigzell,** Lynn Sbaraglia's mother, not doing well.

**Brian Holden** is recovering from surgery for a hernia repair.

**Donna & Bob Staff,** Linda Krinks parents, safety for them until they decide to accept in-home help.

**Franklin Rhodes**, cancer treatment.

**Nancy Calabro,** continued prayers for her health concerns. **Georgette Kenna,** Beth Loeffler's mother, in hospice.

#### Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

#### Expecting:

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Anthony and Kristie Correll, June 25, a girl!

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Brianne (Gelsinger) and Tom Lodado, October

#### **Engaged:**

**Hope Hooley & Darrell Bargfrede,** June 20, 2015 **Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson,** July 10, 2015 **Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien**, April 26, 2016

#### **Traveling:**

Jessica Broyles - Tanzania

You are cordially invited to the FIRST Ladies' Day at The Courthouse Church of Christ 102 East Pacific Ave. • Cape May Court House NJ

Saturday, June 27th • Guest Speaker: Cynthia Dianne Guy

9:00 AM: Registration

10 AM: Religion Runs in the Family: Making It Go from Day to Day to Generation to Generation

Noon: Lunch is served 1:00 AM: *Spiritual Spring Cleaning* 

Please RSVP by June 17th to either Annette Perine or contact CMCH directly at 609-465-2840 • 609-463-6373

or email courthousecofc@yahoo.com

### **Our Ministers**

## Office Staff

**Dottie Grillo**.......dgrillo@coChrist.org **Annette Perine**.....annette.perine@gmail.com

## **Our Elders**

## Our Deacons

Bud Britton	Grounds Maintenance
Derrick Busch	Young Adults
Tim Davis	Teens
Tony DeStefano	Body Life & Fellowship
Matt Downing	Worship
Glynn Durham	LIFE Groups
Darren Fields	Greeters Ministry
Brian Holden	Special Activities; Body Life
Garth Hutchinson	Local Evangelism
Larry Kellum, Jr	Caring &Sharing
Brian Kleineweber	Financial Consultant
Brian Mansdoerfer. Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship	
Chuck Olley	Teens
Aaron Pearl	Youth
John Peoples	New Member Involvement
Steve Pierre-Jacques	
Audio Visual; Infor	mation Technology; Website
Jay Schneider	Serving Our Seniors
Carl Steiner	World Evangelism
Manny Vander Vennen	

...... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes 10:00 AM Worship

### Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes 7:45 PM Fellowship

### Last Week

Bible Class 143
Worship 241
LIFE Groups NA
Wednesday 97
Contribution \$10,987
Fiscal YTD Goal \$501,696.00

\$490,882.00

(\$10,814.00)

## Serving Us Today

Contribution YTD

**Under Budget** 

Nursery
Desna Yanzuk
Kids For Christ
Debby Durham

Jr. Worship
Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class
Hall Monitor: Worship
Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance
Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance
Brian & Cindy Holden

Ushers Waverly Hale & Horatio Fenton

Information Desk Doryann Seitz
Shepherd's Call Horatio Fenton
Song Leader Matt Downing
Communion Carl Steiner

# Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Coopers, Busemans, & Spencers

Menu: Cook-Out









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